

Billericay Mayflower Bridge Club



Minutes - Committee Meeting

20th February 2024

Present:

- John McCoy – Chairman
- Linda Fleet – Treasurer
- Theo Todman – Secretary & Webmaster
- Marcia Levan-Harris – Director
- Sandra Fenton – Committee Member
- Chris Comer – Committee Member

Agenda Items:

1. **Table-money and Subs for 2024/25:** Linda presented the draft accounts, projected until the end of March 2024. As these show a balance of the order of £2k and only a slight drop from last year it was unanimously agreed to keep the Subs and Table-money the same as for the current year. So, £15 and £3 (£4 for visitors).
2. **Accounts Preparation and Agreement:** Linda expects to finalise the accounts by the middle of April and pass them on to Robert Elliott for scrutiny.
3. **AGM Date:** Best to avoid May, so Tuesday 4th June was proposed and unanimously accepted.
4. **Club Championship Dates:** Tuesdays 19th and 26th March were proposed and accepted.
5. **AOB: Club Development:** Sandra raised the issue of retaining and increasing membership and attendance at the Club. While membership and attendance are currently sufficient both to run the movements and to maintain financial viability, we are not getting any younger and we can expect membership to decline in the absence of recruitment. Sandra suggested teaching newcomers, but this is problematical both because we have no willing teachers nor premises to teach in. Also, the Club positions itself at the 'high end' of the market which can be off-putting for weaker players. Further, declining attendance is a common problem for all Clubs – particularly for the evening sessions. Many Clubs have folded or only run on-line – Breveion being a notable exception because of its restrictions on complex bidding systems and openness to beginners. All are requested to put their thinking caps on and report back prior to the AGM.